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DAYTON, Ohio, January 10, 1974 --- The Beerman Foundation has announced a \$100,000 grant to the University of Dayton for developmental costs of reopening the University's School of Law in August, 1974. In making the award, Mr. Gerald Wilks, Secretary and a Trustee of the Foundation, stated that this award reflected the conviction of their Trustees that the availability of opportunities for legal education in the greater Dayton area represented a progressive step for the University of Dayton and for the entire community.

In expressing the University's deep appreciation for this grant, President Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., indicated that the Beerman Foundation contribution of \$100,000 headed a list of more than 25 gifts to the Law School since The Kettering Fund made an initial award of \$500,000 in mid 1973. Pledges, intended to provide non-recoverable, start-up costs through 1977, now total \$903,830. Fr. Roesch pointed out that an additional number of requests are currently being considered and expressed confidence that the goal of \$1.1 million required for developmental costs would be achieved within the near future. A complete listing of Law School benefactors will be prepared at that time.

Reopening of the University of Dayton Law School was approved by the University's Board of Trustees following an extensive feasibility study that documented the need and indicated that the operation would be self-supporting if initial costs, largely associated with the development of the law library, could be provided through private sources. A Certificate of Authorization for the Law School was issued by the Ohio Board of Regents in November, 1973.

Dr. Norman George has been appointed Acting Dean, assisted by Dr. Barth Snyder. Applicants for the position of permanent Dean and faculty appointments are currently being considered.

An experienced law librarian has been hired and has started developmental work prior to his arrival 3/1/74.

Oscar Trelles has been named to the position. He received the Juris Doctor degree from University of Havana and received the Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Toledo where he has been serving as assistant Law Librarian.

The Law School will be located in the attractive facilities of the University's new, eight-story Library. Remodeling plans call for a self-contained learning center, including study areas, classrooms, lounge areas and offices surrounding the law library collections.

Applications are now being accepted for first-year law students for the term starting August 26, 1974. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Norman George or Dr. Barth Snyder.